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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 30-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 10/30/99	Previous Week 10/23/99
Bro-Fry	154,210	156,045
Lt Hens	2,008	1,948
Hvy Hens	1,635	1,670

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 23-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	408	43	451
Last Week	353	0	353
Same Wk Yr Ago	321	0	321
To Date 1999	19,483	229	19,712
To Date 1998	21,924	281	22,205

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,360	1,655	4,015
Last Week	2,036	1,620	3,656
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,169	1,265	3,434
To Date 1999	107,011	59,631	166,642
To Date 1998	107,862	53,416	161,278

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 23-Oct-99 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	154,030 (A)	1,952	1,612	3,564
Avg Wt	5.06	3.50	7.89	5.49
Last Week	153,293	1,683	1,620	3,303
Same Week Yr Ago	146,439	1,848	1,265	3,113
Avg Wt	5.03	3.43	8.20	5.37
To-Date/1999	6,376,895	87,528	59,402	146,930
To-Date/1998	6,134,706	85,938	53,135	139,073

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.9 million head or 7.6 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending October 16, 1999**

	(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	30,494	33,198	42,411
Avg Weight	3.85	4.89	6.16
% Of Total /1	29%	31%	40%
Comparisons			
Last Week	26,867	35,085	39,120
Avg Weight	3.77	4.84	6.13
% Of Total /1	27%	35%	39%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	30,147	36,243	34,604
Avg Weight	3.84	4.89	6.01
% Of Total /1	30%	36%	34%
To Date/1999	1,306,516	1,287,478	1,677,320
To Date/1998	1,419,931	1,510,298	1,179,259
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 16-Oct-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	4,756	77	4,833
Avg Wt	0.00	25.81	26.12	25.81
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	3,967	26	3,993
Same Week Yr Ago	0	5,142	84	5,226
Avg Wt	0.00	24.39 (B)	24.67	24.40
To-Date/1999	55	197,355 (B)	1,519	198,929
To-Date/1998	72	206,778 (B)	1,583	208,433

(B) Includes 626,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 996,000 in 1998

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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